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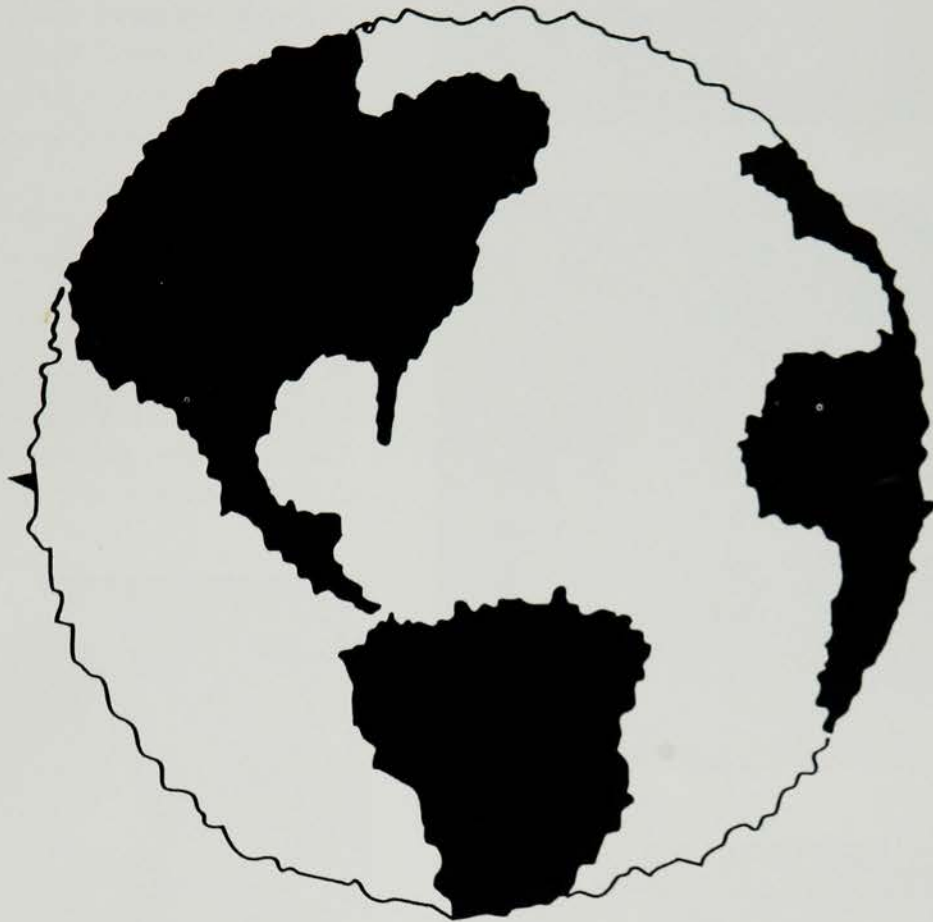


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# *AND NOW FOR SOMETHING NEW . . .*



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# Alma Mater

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Our Alma Mater glorious,  
With loving hearts and  
proud,  
We crown thee all



victorious

And sing thy praise aloud.  
In loyalty we serve thee  
And strive to heed thy call,  
Mount Vernon, O, Mount Vernon!  
Through self to conquer all.

IV

The changing years may bring us  
Some longed for dream of bliss,  
Yet memory will cherish  
A sympathy we miss.  
In hours of joy or sadness,  
Whate'er our need may be,  
Mount Vernon, O, Mount Vernon!  
Thy children turn to thee.







## THE DEDICATION . . .



This year I have been granted the pleasure of formulating the dedication of the yearbook to Dr. Lalith deSilva. Dr. deSilva, an Associate Professor in the Business Administration Department, has redefined the meaning and responsibility of a professor. She has been both a mentor as well as a friend to her pupils. Dr deSilva constructed an atmosphere that welcomed inquiring minds instead of a stifling of creativity. She expressed concern and continuous support for each individual student she encountered, thus creating an inviting learning environment for the student body. This array of support engulfed students who were not necessarily declarers in her specialized department. This in turn created new bounds for students who needed to explore other options.

*Her excellence cannot be measured.*

Despite her personal struggle for equality, never once has she disrespected her offenders in the eye sight of their constituency; this was yet another reason for her students to admire her dedication to the struggle that overwhelms women of color.

*Her excellence cannot be measured.*

The school term of 1993-1994 has been dedicated to the struggle of woman of color here at Mount Vernon college, and Dr. Lalith deSilva deserves the highest recognition in this matter.

### LALITH

L \*\* Listen for the voice echoed in seven years  
A \*\* Amidst fresh young minds with apprehensions and fears  
L \*\* Look . . . , listen . . . , and hear . . .  
I \*\* Immensus attention and assistance — abreast  
T \*\* Tenure-deserving despite the detest,  
H \*\* Heaven only knows . . .

Jewel Shonette Goodman  
Amir Balil Kenyatta

We dedicate to Dr. deSilva this yearbook in hopes that she will continue to represent women of color in the struggle for equality and Maya Angelou says it best in her work, "Still I Rise".





YOU MAY WRITE ME IN HISTORY  
WITH YOU BITTER, TWISTED LIES,  
YOU MAY TROD ME IN THE VERY DIRT  
BUT STILL, LIKE DUST I'LL RISE.

DOES MY SASSINESS UPSETS YOU?  
WHY ARE YOU BESET WITH GLOOM?  
'CAUSE I WALK LIKE I'VE GOT OIL WELLS  
PUMPING IN MY LIVING ROOM.

JUST LIKE MOONS AND LIKE SUNS,  
WITH THE CERTAINTY OF TIDES,  
JUST LIKE HOPE SPRINGING HIGH,  
STILL I'LL RISE

DID YOU WANT TO SEE ME BROKEN?  
BOWED HEAD AND LOWERED EYES?  
SHOULDERS FALLING DOWN LIKE TEARDROPS,  
WEAKENED BY MY SOULFUL CRIES.

DOES MY HAUGHTINESS OFFEND YOU?  
DON'T YOU TAKE IT AWFUL HARD  
'CAUSE I LAUGH LIKE I'VE GOT GOLD MINES  
DIGGIN' IN MY OWN BACK YARD.

YOU MAY SHOOT ME WITH YOUR WORDS,  
YOU MAY CUT ME WITH YOUR EYES,  
YOU MAY KILL ME WITH YOU HATEFULNESS,  
BUT STILL, LIKE AIR, I'LL RISE.

DOES MY SEXINESS UPSET YOU?  
DOES IT COME AS A SURPRISE  
THAT I DANCE LIKE I'VE DOT DIAMOND  
AT THE MEETING OF MY THIGHS?

OUT OF THE HUTS OF HISTORY SHAME  
I RISE  
UP FROM A PAST THAT'S ROOTED IN PAIN  
I RISE  
I'M BLACK OCEAN, LEAPING AND WIDE,  
WELLING AND SWELLING I BEAR IN THE TIDE

LEAVING BEHIND NIGHTS OF TERROR AND FEAR  
I RISE  
INTO A DAYBREAK THAT'S WONDROUSLY CLEAR  
I RISE  
BRINGING THE GIFTS THAT MY ANCESTORS GAVE,  
I AM THE DREAM AND THE HOPE OF THE SLAVE.  
I RISE  
I RISE  
I RISE.



*I would like to give special thanks to Jewel S. Goodman, Vice President, FGA for writing this dedication for Dr. Lalith deSilva.*



*"CLASS OF 1994"*



*Maria Jsabel Consaks Acosta*



*Kazuko Akamatsu*





*Trudy C. Antoine*



*Brooke Baysinger*

CLASS OF 1977



*Jennifer Blair*



*Beth Buttermorth*



*Kim Buton*



*S. Mitzi Cohen*





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*Jewel Goodman*



*Ulla M. Hoikkala*



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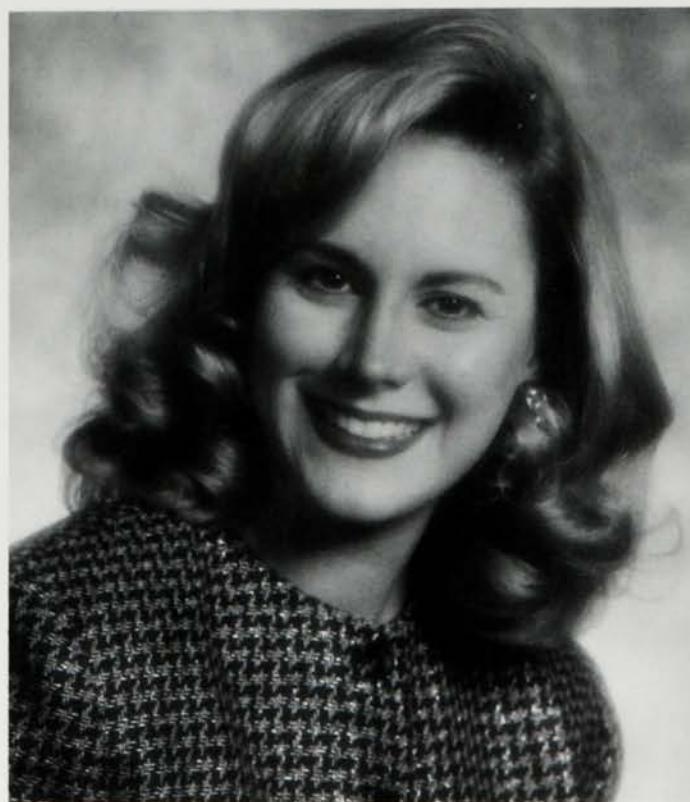
*Keleigh E. Rees*



*Junko Sakurai*



*Rebecca Sheriden*



*Christen Smith*



*Elizabeth Walker*



*Cheryl Williams*





*Tondra Williams*



*Lez'lie Reynolds*

*A WOMAN GRADUATES*  
by Lez'lie Reynolds

*The day has come, with the rising sun,  
graduation time is near.  
It's been dreamed about and talked about  
most of the passing year.*

*I have enjoyed this place from Pub to Post,  
places with friends I remember the most.  
The pictures of faces I will reflect on at leisure,  
It has been a good experience I will always treasure.*

*It's time to leave, it's time to pack,  
now dry those eyes, that's no way to act.  
"We'll keep in touch, but for now so long."  
I've said that so often it has become my song.*

*I've no regrets, I'd do it all over,  
The faces, the classes, the topics they covered.  
My college life is over, now a thing of the past,  
time has come for earning a paycheck, at last!*

*The sun has set, the time is here,  
graduation has come, it's not just near.  
Friends come together for one last goodbye,  
take a deep breath, you don't want to cry.*

*Goodbye dear Mount Vernon, and the education you are,  
I've learned a lot, now it's time to hook my dreams to a star.  
Who would have thought I'd be so consistent,  
to hold to my dreams, and be so persistent.*

*The Performing Arts . . .*









*Adult Students . . .*









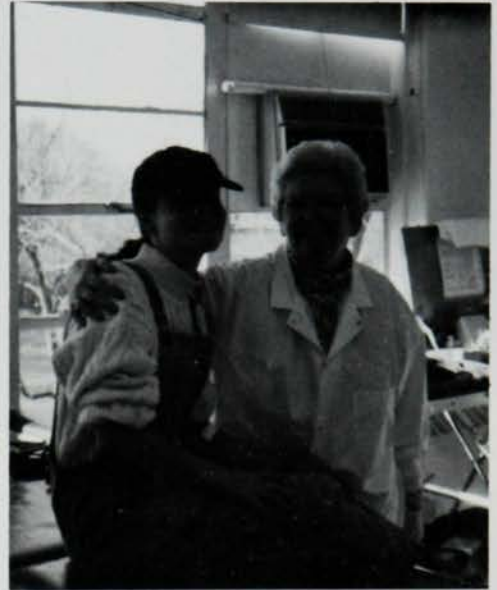


*The Blood Drive . . .*



*Mount Vernonn College sponsored a blood drive on December 9, 1993. Ms. Stephanie Buller organized this event for Mount Vernon College.*









# *1993 — 1994 Student Government Association*

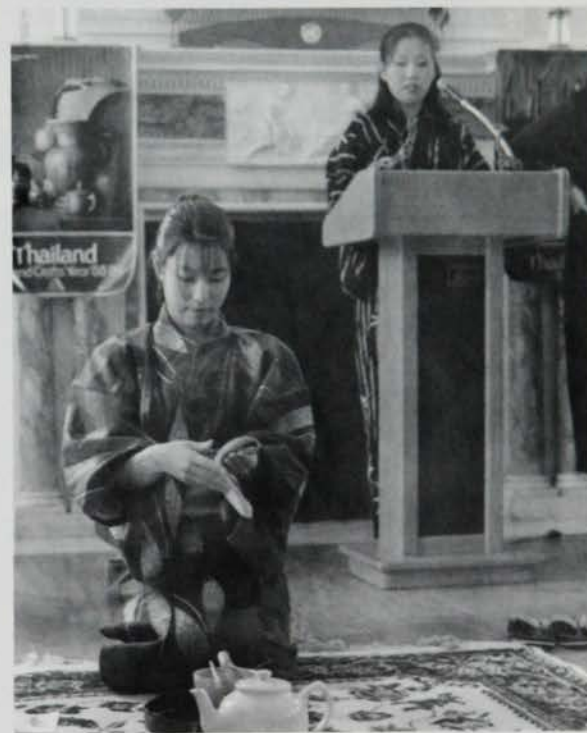
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to Public Relations  
  
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Senior Class Vice President  
Junior Class President  
Junior Class Vice President  
Sophomore Class President  
Sophomore Class Vice President  
Freshman Class President  
Freshman Class Vice President  
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*Krista Karch  
Jewel Goodman  
Trudy Antione  
Jennifer Sramowicz*

*Elizabeth Wells  
Brett McCann  
Heather Anderson  
Lez'lie Reynolds  
Shannon McKissack  
Tyisha Nicholson*

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Cristy Masri  
Christy Smith  
A'donna Miller  
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Shelly McLouglin  
Julia Pineada  
Crystal Williams  
Maha Yousufzai  
Jae Honey*









*As the editor of this years yearbook I would like to thank Stephanie Carol for her wonderful photographs that she has taken for the yearbook. Thanks again . . .*



**KRISTA KARCH**

*Krista —*

*You were special Then and you are special NOW! We are very proud of you.*

**YOUR FAMILY**





*Look at these smiling Faces . . .*



*Look at Dr. Schell relaxing in Post Hall while drinking a Diet Coke . . . Smile Tammalyn, our Faculty secretary.*





# MORE FACES OF MVC . . .







AND MORE . . .







## Women in Politics Symposium Celebrates

By Crystal River Williams  
The Voice

Mount Vernon College hosted its first annual celebration of Women in Politics and Journalism on Sept. 28. Several notable members of Congress and journalists discussed the political impact of the "Year of the Woman in Politics."

The first Mount Vernon College Distinguished Women in Politics Award was presented to Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kansas.

The celebration, and the dinner afterward, were dedicated to the memory of Joy Dirksen Baker, a Mount Vernon alumna and trustee emerita. Her husband, Sen. Howard Baker, and their daughter, Cissy, both attended the symposium.

Ms. Cissy Baker, a graduate of Mount Vernon College, addressed questions to the panelists, including Jackie Calmes of the Wall Street Journal, Ann Compton of ABC News, Dorothy Gilliam of the Washington Post, Cokie Roberts of ABC News, Cynthia Steele of Fox News, and Kassebaum.

Several of the invited panelists were unable to attend the symposium due to a vote in the House of Representatives that was scheduled for the same day.

Tickets for the dinner were sold to area businesses, alumnae, and other college supporters, and \$100,000 was raised for the Mount Vernon College Scholarship Fund.

Part of the tickets sold were donated back to college to enable students and faculty to attend the \$150-a-plate dinner.

The Freedom Forum sponsored the event and has pledged another \$30,000 for next year's symposium.

*Below are Ann Compton of ABC News; Cissy Baker, a graduate of Mount Vernon College; Cokie Roberts of ABC News. These women all participated in the "Women in Politics Symposium" on September 28th, 1993.*



### ORIENTATION '93

*Mount Vernon College has attracted many talented students from all over the world to attend this women's college in Washington, D.C. The new students that arrived this year will experience many things throughout their college years and will establish long lifetime friendships.*





# MVC Independence Day September 27, 1993



By Stephanie Smith Buller  
The Voice

The deal with Georgetown University was finally decided and signed on Sept. 22. Mount Vernon College will be receiving \$6.5 million in increments over the next three years.

The agreement has two parts: a conventional loan and a plan to ensure the "...orderly winding down of Mount Vernon's affairs if the college is unable to repay the loan." Indeed, while the securing of the loan is surely a positive thing it must be remembered that this has to be paid back.

Anyone who attended the town meeting last spring will recall that the original amount to be loaned was \$5.5 million and the \$1 million increase is due to a lower - than - expected enrollment this fall.

Georgetown loaned Mount Vernon \$850,000 last year. A unit trust of \$1.4 million was raised over the past two years and must now also be paid back. This included loans from George Washington U. and the Meyer Foundation, as well as generous loans from the trustees and other corporations.

\$1.5 million will be going to the buildings, which will surely come as a relief to those students living on campus. According to I'dafney Green, director of operations and personnel, the Building and Grounds Committee, composed of board members, staff and a student representative Stacy Rhodd, has created a tentative schedule for repairs over the next three years.

All of the hill dorms, the academic buildings and the chapel are charted for repairs, each varying in its degree of critical need. Pelham Hall, however, is on a schedule of its own and the first thing it will receive is a structural assessment.

Repairs have already begun with improvements or replacement of boilers in Somers Hall and the gym. The chapel restrooms have also been restored. While

## The Deal with Georgetown U. Provides Temporary Reprieve

the Admissions office was nearly finished, the real problem is the patio above it, outside Post Hall - which needs to be resurfaced.

The main concerns with all the buildings are prevention of water damage, and making sure all the buildings have heat and water. One of the first lessons in interior design was that all buildings are under great gravitational strain all the time and that they are always eroding. Fortunately, Mount Vernon now has the money to shore up these corroding buildings. Anyone with problems should give a word: order the their Resident Director, and those with suggestions should contact Rhodd. Most repairs this year will be structural and cosmetic improvements are expected to begin next year.

\$1.8 million will be used for increasing enrollment and for various academic programs. According to the plan, another \$1.85 million will be retained in 2003 so that no more loans will be necessary.

The loan will be repaid by increasing enrollment, and fundraising such as the Capitol Campaign, which will begin next year.

One question is how did Mount Vernon get into this unfortunate position of having to seek a loan from another institution, something that has never been done before. Dr. Geiselman explained that it was a combination of factors, including the bad economy, the decline in the number of women of college age, and changes in the administration.

Dr. Geiselman went on to say that, "...the entire ten year agreement is an effort on our part to strengthen our enrollment, increase our development work, including a Capitol Campaign to repay the loan, and to continue to enhance the academic program. The agreement gives us a new lease on life - a new opportunity to bring Mount Vernon College to its rightful place in higher education; an important college of women in the nation's capitol."







# *Mount Vernon College Students*









*"Rolling on the River" Boat Cruise*



*Many new faces turned out for the cruise on  
the Dandy!  
Everyone had a wonderful time . . . Let's  
party on . . .*





*Thanks to Ms. Shelly McLoughlin for organizing this successful event. GEE . . . I wonder what Formal Night will be like . . .*



## FAMILY WEEKEND '93



*Family weekend was filled with a lot of excitement this year. Ms. Carol Simpson, ABC News Senior Correspondent was the guest speaker at the dinner on Friday night. Everyone was very excited to hear her speak. The rest of the weekend was filled with various activities.*







to attend  
**MAKE PLANS NOW!**  
 FAMILY WEEKEND '93  
 Guest Speaker:  
 Carole Simpson, ABC News  
 Visit classes  
 Tour the Smithsonian  
 Saturday Barbecue  
 at the Pub  
 Sunday Brunch  
 at the President's House



*Another Convocation . . .*









*The Many Faces of MVC . . .*



*Look at everyone smiling . . .*





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*The 1st Annual International Womens Day Celebration . . .*

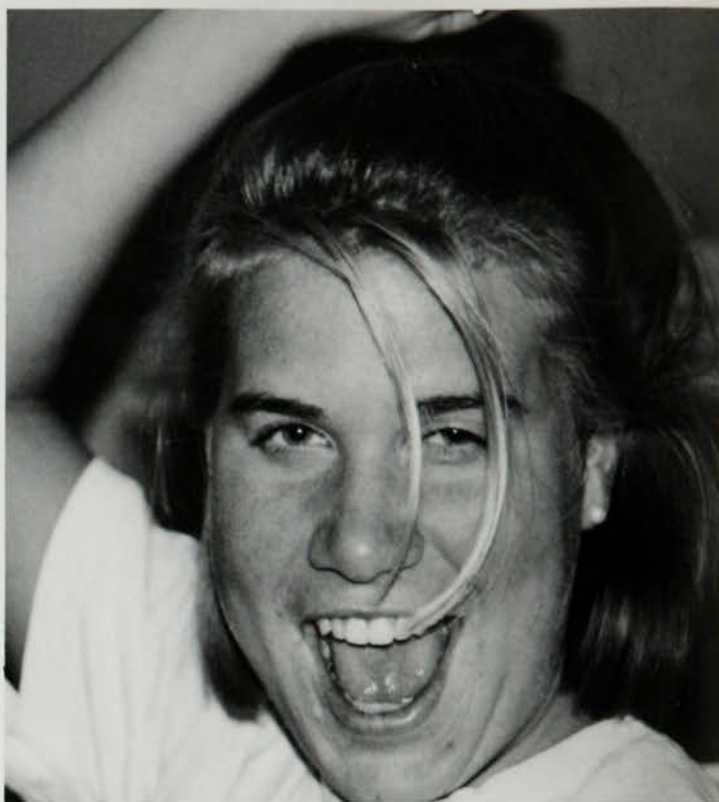
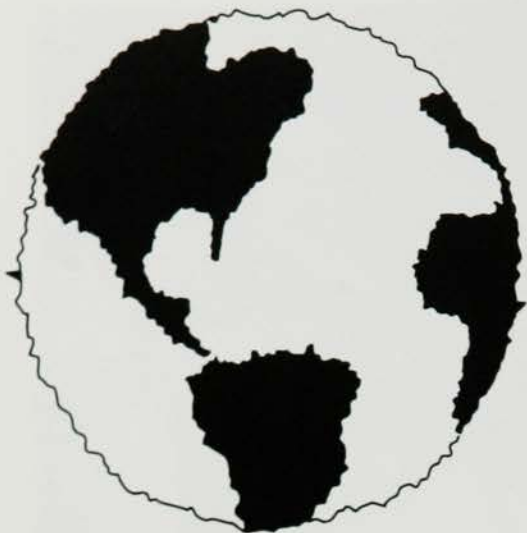












*SMILE EVERYONE!!! You are on candid camera . . . At MVC you never know who is taking your photograph!*



*"My Girl Wants to Party All the Time!!*





Horoscope

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Crystal River Williams  
The Voice

24-OCT-22)  
...sn't what you thought  
...friend will surprise  
...kind of luxury. Ro-  
...Libra ladies don't for-  
...does care, even if he does  
...way of showing it.  
...cry astrological sign is ruled by a  
...part of her body. Yours just happens  
...to be the genital. Don't let being in an all  
...women's college make you forget how to act  
...around men. If you do, you may find your-  
self humiliated.  
SAGITTARIUS (NOV-21-DEC-21)  
You've been completely bored lately.  
Take heart, there will be an unexpected party  
soon. If you see Mr. Right there don't be  
afraid to introduce yourself. Lady Luck is on  
your side.  
CAPRICORN (DEC-22-  
If you think that he's  
mixed signals then you're  
nals are loud and clear  
them wrong. Stop f-  
confront him. S-

AQUARIUS (JAN-20-FEB-19)  
You are feeling trapped into a situ-  
ation. Don't be afraid to say no. Tell them  
that you already have plans or if worse  
comes to worse that you are studying. It's  
better to make excuses than to do something  
that you don't want to do.  
PISCES (FEB-20-MAR-20)  
Don't take your friend's advice lightly.  
It's more important than it may seem. Listen  
to her. She may actually save your life some  
day. Be cautious about giving your number  
out to men you barely know, they may not be  
the kind you want to come calling.  
ARIES (MAR-21-APR-20)  
This will prove to be a fun month for  
the Aries woman. Single Aries will not be  
single for much longer. Don't go out looking  
for him, just sit back, relax and he'll come to  
you.

MAY 22-JUNE 23)  
You have recently lost so-  
cial to you, not necessary  
lately. Let that se-  
they mean a lot  
the phone or u  
alone when so-  
CANCER  
The pressur-  
you down this mo-  
know today exactly i  
years from now. It's g  
leave some room for ci  
LEO (JULY 24-  
Don't get so hung u  
beautiful shells never last. I  
wrap your view of his in  
the most handsome mo-  
old, wrinkled one.  
VIRGO (AU

The Silent Slaver)  
By Paula Rolo

To you I ask:  
How can you discriminate  
against your fellow men and women?  
How can you look down on your peers,  
just because they are different?  
Remember the Constitution!

can you say  
there is no slavery  
constantly do it  
our actions and words?  
how hard our ancestors  
liberty  
society!

"I myself have  
never been able to find  
out precisely what  
feminism is: I only  
know that people call  
me a feminist whenever  
I espouse feminist sentiments  
and discriminate me



"Lift up your faces, you have a piercin-  
this bright morning dawning for you. His-  
its wrecking pain cannot be un-lived, but it  
courage need not be lived again. Lift u  
upon this day breaking for you...Lift u  
each new hour holds new chances for a n  
Here on the pulse of this new day you  
grace to look up and out and into your su-  
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TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 20)  
Don't let the bull in you come out too  
h. If you do people will stop trustin-  
to tell the truth or just sh-  
to have an answer  
that there  
love y-  
so

Outside shells never last. I  
wrap your view of his in  
the most handsome mo-  
old, wrinkled one.  
VIRGO (AU



CAMPUS

OPINION

SCHEDULE  
The College is providing you pass  
Monday - Friday to Mt. Vernon  
with their college ID and  
to faculty, staff and  
Circle.  
7:45 am, leaves  
to from NYC  
& order  
by Library  
(to locker)  
Library  
& P. Street  
by Library

clip  
opinion  
discriminate  
ers?  
ay should they be  
against to you?  
Don't the Constitution,  
the Civil Rights Act, and  
her Declarations of Freedom  
all mean something to you?  
If they do, stop the silent slavery  
of our fellow women and men!  
If they don't,  
you have missed the point  
of what our ancestors  
fought for so many years ago.







*Look everyone is posing for Vogue Magazine . . .*







*AND MORE ... !!!!!!!*





*These pictures are candid . . . Not one of these students expected to get their picture taken.*





*Family Weekend continues with Carol Simpson, ABC News correspondence. She was a great speaker for Parents Weekend. The audience gave her their full attention as she spoke to the parents, faculty, and students of Mount Vernon College. (the picture below) Cheryl Williams and her mom pose for a cute photograph.*





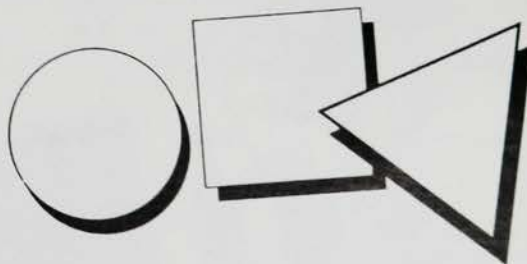


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A'donna.  
 It is once again that we find ourselves saying congratulations and expressing how proud we  
 are of you completing another cross road in your live towards a successful professional  
 goal.  
 Remember the words of Dr. Benjamin May:  
 It is not your environment;  
 It is not your History;  
 It is not your education or ability;  
 It is the quality of your mind that predicts your future.  
 No matter where you fell your road may lead you, we will always be with you a  
 "WHOLE LOT OF LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT". May God bless and keep you.



Lez'lie Reynolds  
 She is a beautiful baby!!!!

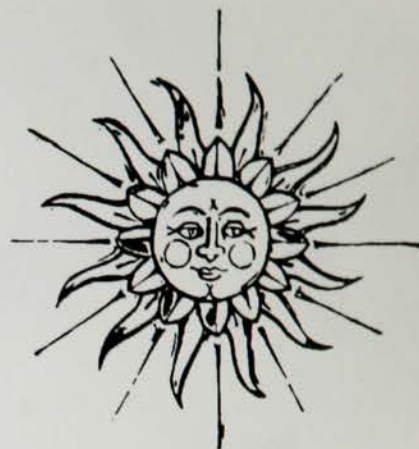
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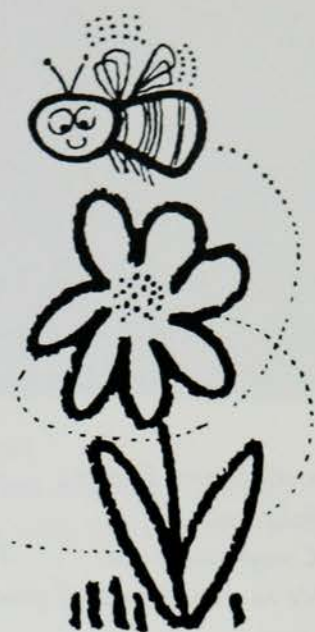
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 1993-1994 GRADUATING  
 SENIORS OF MOUNT VERNON  
 COLLEGE. GOOD LUCK IN THE  
 FUTURE!!!!

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*The Admissions Staff looks very excited about the Holiday season as they pose for a photograph . . . Professor Rebhan is the Photography teacher if anyone was wondering . . . The Human Development Department has big smiles on their faces this year!*







*Janet Lynne Evans*

*Pinky sez:*

*"Congratulations . . . You finally made it.  
We're very proud of you!"*

*Love,*

*Mom and Dad*



*Joddie Taylor*

*Joddie:*

*Yes Joddie I know you can do it, because that shining star is for you!*



*Angela Njeri Mbogua*

*Congratulations Angie from the whole family,  
Keep up the good work.*



*Rhonda Mendoza*

*Congratulations to our dearest Rhonda! We are  
very proud of you and your accomplishments!*

*Love,*

*Mom, Dad, Rochelle and Roxanne*





*Jennifer Ann Stramowicz*

*Jennifer,  
I am very proud of your accomplishments . . .  
Keep up the good work . . . Even today  
Jennifer you still are a beach person . . .  
Love always,  
Dad*



*Tere Martinez-Alvarez*

*Congratulations to Tere Martinez-Alvarez  
You have gone a long way, you are almost there!  
Love,  
Daddy and Mama*



*Reagan Wealy*

*Reagan,  
"You've come a long way baby"  
Our love,  
Grandpa and Grandma*



*Ellet Kidd*

*Way to go Ellet. Another job well done!  
Love,  
Mum and Daddy, Liette and Mark, LeDee and  
Bill and Barron.*



Jen —

Let me say just one word . . . **ENERGIZE!** Thanx for filling my year with lots of sunshine. I'll see you at the bump! Here's to all the memories and those yet to come.

Love Always, Ali

Ali —

All I have to say is . . . Ali you are a wonderful friend and person. Thanks for all the great times this year! I will never forget our adventures with the Jaguar . . . I hope to see you at the shore this summer.

Love always, Jennifer







*Elyse Susanne Miller*

*Ali*

*We are very proud in your accomplishments . . .  
We love you a lot! Congratulations on your second  
year in college.*

*Love Always,  
Mom and Dad*



*Rebecca A. Sheridan*

*Congratulations Becky! We're proud of you.  
Love, Mother & Dad*



*Amy Beth Birmingham*

*Congratulations! Well done on your 1st year in  
College!*

*Love, Mom & Dad*



*Cheryl D. Williams '94*

*Job well done, Cheryl! Keep that spark for life  
glowing. Your family is very proud and loves  
you!*

*Congratulations!!  
Mom, Dad & Steve*





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